

Good Morning,

My name is Michelle Loubert and I am a first year medical student at MSU. In fact, I am using the precious break that I have in between the exam I took this morning and the exam I will take this afternoon to be here. I am here because this ~~package of bills~~ will both negatively affect my own access to health care, and it may have detrimental effects on my professional options in the state of Michigan. I have lived in Michigan my entire life. I am proud to say, that 100% of my education has been supported by Michigan tax payer dollars. So, Michigan taxpayers have invested a lot of money in me. When my training is complete, my dream is to stay in Michigan, become an active member of the community that I practice in, and to start and raise a family here. However, if this package of bills is passed, I will not be able to provide comprehensive health care to the women of Michigan should I decide to go into almost any field of primary care. I know that if I am prohibited by law from practicing medicine in accordance with my training and the recommendations put forth by my peers, I will not be able to stay in Michigan. If you ask me to compromise my professional and moral responsibilities to my patients, I will have to leave. This bill will drive young doctors out of Michigan. And, I am someone Michigan cannot afford to lose. I am a Michigan kid, have attended public schools from kindergarten to medical school, and I want to stay here and help Michigan grow. Please do not make me choose between my home and the moral responsibilities I have promised to uphold.

Thank you.

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